

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 31

8:00AM	Baptist Men's Day Breakfast
8:45AM	Youth Bells
9:30AM	Children's Music
9:45AM	Sunday School
11:00AM	Worship & Organ Rededication
12:00PM	Youth Choir
5:15PM	Youth (Interdenominational)

MONDAY, February 1

6:15PM	WMU – Taylor House
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TUESDAY, February 2

12:00PM	JOY Lunch and Bingo
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WEDNESDAY, February 3

5:15PM	Family Night Meal (Breakfast for Dinner)
6:00PM	Bible Study
6:00PM	Youth, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
6:15PM	Cathedral Bells
7:15PM	Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, February 5

7:00AM	Care Café Breakfast
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SATURDAY, February 6

9:00AM	Mary & Martha Center Gala
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MEMORIALS

General Fund

Eleanor Knotts by Jerry Lou Jones

Organ Fund

Eugene Langley, Jr. by Virginia Skidmore

Sharon Adams by Virginia Skidmore

Helper Fund

Eleanor Knotts by the Saints Sunday School Class

Sunday School Attendance 01/24	----
Worship Attendance 01/24	59
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,144.04
Budget Receipts 01/17	\$7,485.00
YTD Budget Receipts 12/31	\$559,204.80
YTD Expenses thru 12/31	\$547,480.26
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 01-17)	\$152,014.92
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

RESCHEDULED: BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

The FBC Baptist Men's group would like to invite you to the **Baptist Men's Day Program** this **Sunday, January 31 at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall**. A light breakfast will be served. Sign-up sheet in the church office.

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Winter Bible Study will be on the Sunday evenings of February 14, 21, and 28 from 5-7PM. A light supper will be served.

JOY LUNCHEON

The Joy Luncheon will be Feb 2nd at noon and the program will be BINGO with prizes. We would love for you to join us. The cost of the meal is \$6.00.

HABITAT for HUMANITY FUNDRAISER

Habitat for Humanity BBQ Chicken fundraiser: February 25th starting at 11:00 at Centerview Church on the NE Connector. Tickets are available at the church office and, during January only, the tickets are \$8. Tickets in Feb. will be \$9. They also need volunteers to help the day before and volunteers the day of, particularly drivers to deliver food. Please consider helping them. Sign up sheets are in the office.

JOY TRIP

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee: April 11-April 14. Cost: \$250.00 per person/double or \$327.00 per person single, payable at time of sign-up. Trip includes: 3 nights hotel, 3 breakfasts, 4 shows, and 3 dinners. For more details see Lina: 704-982-8877 or 704-796-8589. Sign up sheet in church office.

Here is your *TIE* to



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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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“FBC Organ Rededication”

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From the Desk of Andy Jung...

Life is full of interruptions. When you have a type-A personality like me, interruptions are not welcome most of the time. This past week, the winter storm was an interruption and life came to a screeching halt. I really didn't have a lot on my schedule to begin with but I found myself being anxious throughout the weekend.

After reflecting on the weekend, I want to share a moment of catharsis with you all. I can blame it on my type-A personality or my overwhelming sense of responsibility for the church but if I am honest with myself, my anxiety was caused by pride. Sometimes (often times), I lose focus on what church is about. What we do together on Sunday mornings is incredibly important in the life of our church and our staff works incredibly hard to ensure that we put our best foot forward in order for God to be exalted without distractions. However, I am thankful that God is bigger than our meager efforts.

I confess that sometimes, I act as if I am responsible for making sure that God shows up in our worship. I realize that sounds ludicrous and reflects a terrible theological understanding on my part but it doesn't keep it from creeping in from time to time. In my head and in my heart, I know that worship is about God and not about anything else but my pride sometimes stands in the way. I want to orchestrate God showing up and I don't want any interruptions to get in the way of that happening. Lord, have mercy on me!

God, please forgive me for my pride. I didn't know it but the Sunday's sermon was for me. As I was sharing the message with those who could attend, I was distracted because I realized how God was speaking to me directly in the midst of it. I don't think I even did good job of communicating the message because I was preoccupied with what God was speaking to me. I don't have it all together. I'm a mess. I get caught up on how others see me and how I "perform." At times, my identity is caught up in what I do rather than who I am. Therefore, the Good News being for the poor is for me because I am the one who is

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poor in Spirit. I am oppressed. I am blind. I am enslaved. Thank God for our Savior who came to set me free!
Praise be to God! Andy

Deacon of the Week
Russ Myers January 31 – February 6

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Dennie Carpenter, Gene Moose, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Don & Carol Brummitt

PRAYER LIST

David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Brendan Hearne, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, Sue Hunsucker, Martha Lowder, Lori Stiller, Lucy Johnson, Chloe Fraley, Bonnie Herring, Buck Hill, Jackie Harward, Helen Baugess, Todd Williamson, Betty Mabry, Linda Hall

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Stanly County's (PRC) Baby Bottle Boomerang will held January 17 – February 7. Please take the bottles home, fill them with cash, coins, or check (made out to PRC), and return them to the church on Sunday, February 7.

SCCM need for January is Canned Beans and Dried Beans

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Mary & Martha Center for Women and Community Care, Inc. cordially invites you to its opening gala, to be held on February 6th at FBC. The event will be from 9AM-12Noon with brunch served at 10:30AM at no cost. For more information or to attend, please respond by February 1 to Jackie Burpeau (burpeauj@yahoo.com) or Jana Strukova (jana.strukove@gmail.com).

YOUTH SCHEDULE

January 31 – 5:15PM Youth (Interdenominational)
High school mission \$ 90 deposit due
February 7 – 5:00PM Super Bowl Sunday
February 14 – 5:00PM Youth

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Whew! I hope everyone has finally dug out from snowpocalypse 2016. I hope you were able to have a little fun and maybe even get some rest. Moving forward there are a couple of things I need to make you aware of.

First, the mission trip meeting that was scheduled for this past Sunday has been moved to this coming Sunday, January 31st at 4:30.

Second, Our Super Bowl Party (Feb 7 @ 5) will change slightly this year. In years past we have wrapped things up after the 3rd quarter. This year we will extend to the end of the game since our Panthers will be playing. Please plan to come and enjoy a great time of fellowship and celebration as our Carolina Panthers bring home the Super Bowl title.

Finally I would like to remind our Sticky Faith Launch team that we are meeting next Tuesday, February 3, at 6. This will be our last meeting before the cohort trip to California so let's make sure we have everything ready to go. Michael

CBFNC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The CBFNC General Assembly will be held on Friday, March 18, at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. The bus will leave the church no later than 7:15 a.m. We will return after the worship service that evening.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

FBC will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, February 8, 2016 from 3PM – 7:30PM in the fellowship hall. A sign up sheet is in the church office.

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Judge Morgan and family in the passing of his brother, Ray Morgan.